

NURSING HOME REFORM ACT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nursing Home Reform Act (Public Law 100–203), focusing on accomplishments of the Act and the challenges that remain, after receiving testimony from Kathryn G. Allen, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; James Randolph Farris, Dallas Regional Adminis-

trator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Orlene Christie, Michigan Department of Community Health, Lansing; Charlene Harrington, University of California San Francisco; Alice H. Hedt, National Citizen's Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, Washington, D.C.; and Mary Ousley, Ousley and Associates, Richmond, Kentucky, on behalf of the American Health Care Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2102–2121; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 362–363, 365–367, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4416–17

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 982, to promote democratic values and enhance democracy (H. Rept. 110–119) and

H. Res. 364, providing for consideration of H.R. 1592, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes (H. Rept. 110–120).

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Investigative Subcommittees—Appointment: The Chair read a letter from Mr. Boehner, Minority Leader, whereby he designated the following Members to be available for service on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct during the 110th Congress: Representatives Rob Bishop, Blackburn, Crenshaw, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, English, Latham, Lucas, Myrick, Simpson, and Walden.

Pages H4300–01

Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 350, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1868, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 275, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H4302–06, H4314–15

Presidential Veto Message—U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 2007, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–31). **Page H4315**

Subsequently, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 203 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 276 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

Pages H4315–26

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Improving Head Start Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access, by a recorded vote of 365 yeas to 48 noes, Roll No. 285.

Pages H4326–79

Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 284.

Pages H4376–78

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed to:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that instructs the Secretary of HHS to create partnerships between Head Start and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities;

Pages H4353–54

Kennedy amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that defines "inclusive classrooms" as Head Start classrooms that include both children with disabilities and children without disabilities;

Pages H4362–63

Porter amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that requires that Head Start grantees, before hiring individuals, obtain (1) a state, Federal, or tribal criminal record check in all jurisdictions where the grantee provides services, (2) a state, Federal, or tribal criminal record check as required by the jurisdictions where they provide services, or (3) a criminal record check as otherwise required by Federal law;

Pages H4364–65

Cuellar amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that requires the States or agencies that administer the Head Start program to describe the type of assessment used to determine the rate of progress made by students with Limited English Proficiency;

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Space amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that amends the criteria for the allocation of resources for technical assistance and training to include consideration of barriers in rural areas to professional development, parent involvement, home visits and health screening;

Pages H4369–71

Sestak amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that authorizes the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to forgive student loans for Head Start and Early Head Start teachers who have earned a bachelor's degree in a field related to early childhood education and who commit to teach in the program for a minimum of 3 years (by a recorded vote of 312 ayes to 107 noes, Roll No. 278);

Pages H4358–60, H4371–72

Hirono amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that revises the training and technical assistance program for Early Head Start by ensuring that training and technical assistance are provided by entities with specific expertise in infant and toddler development and also directs 50 percent of training and technical assistance funds directly to the grantees for the purposes of program improvement (by a recorded vote of 372 ayes to 50 noes, Roll No. 279);

Pages H4360–61, H4372–73

Carnahan amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that provides that, in the event that the amounts appropriated to carry out the program do not exceed the funds appropriated for the prior year, Head Start grantees may negotiate with the Secretary a reduced funded enrollment level if the grantee can demonstrate that such reduction is necessary to maintain the quality of service (by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 282); and

Pages H4365–66, H4374–75

Shuler amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that outlines the history and importance of allowing faith-based and community-based organizations to participate in Head Start programs and inserts language into the Head Start Reauthorization that explicitly states that faith-based and commu-

nity-based organizations will continue to be eligible to participate in the Head Start program on the same basis as other organizations (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 283).

Pages H4366–69, H4375

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that sought to allow eight States to coordinate Head Start with State-run early childhood development programs through a demonstration program (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 277);

Pages H4354–58, H4371

Mica amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that sought to amend Section 18 of the bill to require that the Secretary certify that at least 50 percent of all Head Start teachers nationwide meet certain degree requirements by September 30, 2011, two years earlier than required under the current legislation (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 280); and

Pages H4361–62, H4373

Putnam amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–116) that sought to strike the development and implementation of the application review system, including the expert panel provision and also sought to strike designation when no entity has priority and instead designates competition—calling for the automatic recompetition for agency designation every five years, regardless of performance (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 281).

Pages H4363–64, H4373–74

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 348, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 274, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 273.

Pages H4306–14

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, May 1st:

Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience: H. Res. 243, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 286.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, Le Quoc Quan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and for other purposes." **Page H4379**

National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, by a recorded vote of 399 ayes to 17 noes, Roll No. 295.

Pages H4380–H4411

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H4384**

Agreed to:

Ehlers amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that adds a new section at the end of the bill relating to the sense of Congress regarding the mathematics and science partnership programs of the Department of Education and the NSF; **Pages H4402–04**

McNerney amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that establishes a new program to award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to Hispanic-serving institutions to enhance the quality of undergraduate science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education at such institutions and to increase the retention and graduation rates of students pursuing associate's or baccalaureate degrees in science, mathematics, engineering, or technology; **Page H4402**

Honda amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that adds a new subsection at the end of section 3 on global warming education (by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 288); and **Pages H4385, H4406**

Matsui amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that provides grant supplements, on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis, to institutions receiving awards under the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 293). **Pages H4400–02, H4409–10**
Rejected:

Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to limit funds for research related to reproductive aging and diet and social stratification;

Pages H4395–96

Sullivan (OK) amendment to the Honda amendment that sought to insert a new paragraph after paragraph 1 of the Honda amendment to clarify that

materials, exhibits, and multimedia presentations shall reflect the diversity of scientific opinion (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 287); **Pages H4385–86, H4405–06**

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds in the bill for specified research activities (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 289); **Pages H4388–91, H4406–07**

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to reduce funds authorized in section 3 by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 290); **Pages H4391–92, H4407–08**

Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to reduce funds authorized in section 3 by 0.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 291); **Pages H4392–95, H4408**

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to strike section 6 (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 292); and **Pages H4396–98, H4409**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to add a new section at the end of the bill relating to requirement of offsets (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 294).

Pages H4404–05, H4410

Point of Order sustained against:

Weldon (FL) amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2007) that sought to insert two new paragraphs relating to limitations.

Pages H4386–87

H. Res. 349, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H4301–02**

Amending the Rules of the House: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 363, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to clarify certain matters relating to official conduct.

Pages H4411–12

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4417–18.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and eighteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4313, H4314, H4314–15, H4325–26, H4371, H4371–72, H4372–73, H4373, H4373–74, H4374–75, H4375, H4377–78, H4378, H4379, H4405–06, H4406, H4407, H4407–08, H4408, H4409, H4409–10, H4410, and H4411. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S SECURITY BRANCH

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on review of the USDA's release of program beneficiaries' Social Security numbers and the Department's information systems, generally. Testimony was heard from Charles Christopherson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Keenum, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Teresa A. Lasseter, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the Defense Health Program Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: S. Ward Casscells, MD, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; MG Gale S. Pollock, USA, M.D., Acting Surgeon General, U.S. Army; VADM Donald C. Arthur, USN, M.D., Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; and LTG James G. Roudebush, USAF, MD, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

PROTECTING CONSUMER ACCESS TO GENERIC DRUGS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1902, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, FTC; and public witnesses.

BIOSIMILAR MEDICINES POLICY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States." Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

INDUSTRIAL BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 2007; EXPANDING HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported as amended, H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing to review the State Department's 2006 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Testimony was heard from Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

CONTESTED ELECTION—13TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Committee on House Administration: The Election Task Force met to discuss matters pertaining to the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida.

The following motions were adopted: a motion that the Task Force initiate an investigation of the Florida 13th Congressional District election; adopted a motion authorizing and directing to secure the assistance of the GAO, which shall be requested to design and propose testing protocols to determine the reliability of the equipment used in the FL-13 election, taking into account recommendations by the contestant and contestee; the Task Force shall approve any testing protocols prior to execution by the